

LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

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Pupil Voice Opportunities for 2026-27

At Lothersdale Primary School, we are passionate about ensuring that every child's voice is heard and that our pupils have opportunities to make a positive difference to our school community.

In Monday's assembly, I will be speaking to the children about the range of pupil voice opportunities available this year and explaining how they can apply or register their interest.

School Council

We are looking for two representatives from each year group to join our School Council. Children who would like to put themselves forward will need to create a campaign to share with their classmates. This could include posters, a short speech or presentation or badges. Following the campaign, each class will take part in a democratic vote to elect their representatives.

Eco-Warriors

Children who are passionate about caring for the environment and helping our school become even more environmentally friendly can register their interest in becoming an Eco-Warrior. Any child wishing to join this group should let their class teacher know so that their name can be added to the register of interest.

NEW for This Year: Children's LSA

We are also delighted to announce a brand-new pupil leadership opportunity for this year: the Children's LSA!

Our LSA do a phenomenal job of raising much-needed funds to support the school, and we are always amazed by the enthusiasm, creativity and willingness of our children to get involved. The Children's LSA will work alongside the adult committee and help to:

- Write letters and communications
- Design posters and promotional materials
- Generate fundraising ideas
- Support with organising and running LSA events

This is a fantastic opportunity for children who enjoy teamwork, creativity and making a difference within our school community.

We are incredibly proud of the leadership, responsibility and commitment shown by our pupils and look forward to seeing lots of children putting themselves forward for these exciting opportunities.

Further information about the application process and timescales will be shared with children during Monday's assembly.



THANK YOU!

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to Anna Chapman as she steps down from her role as Parent Governor.

Anna has provided valuable support, commitment and dedication to our school during her time on the Governing Body. Her contribution has been greatly appreciated, and we are grateful for the time, insight and encouragement she has given in helping to support the school's ongoing development.

On behalf of the school community, we would like to thank Anna for her service within the Governing board.

Being a Parent Governor is a vital role within the school community. They support the strategic direction of the school, provide challenge and support to school leaders, and play an important part in helping the school continue to grow and thrive.

As a result of Anna stepping down, we will now be looking to recruit a new Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. Further information about this opportunity will be shared with parents and carers shortly.

We encourage anyone interested in supporting the strategic direction of our school to consider applying when the vacancy is advertised.

MARRICK PRIORY

Preparations for our upcoming residential to Marrick Priory are well underway, and we are hoping to finalise arrangements very soon. We are still awaiting confirmation from some families as to whether their child will be attending and, at present, we have received only 50% of the total residential cost.

When the payment plan was first introduced in February, we explained that, in order for the residential to go ahead, full payment for those attending would need to be received by August. We have extended this deadline to 30 September 2026 to give families additional time. Regretfully, if we have not received confirmation of attendance and the required payment by this date, we will have no option but to cancel the residential.

We hope that this final reminder will encourage any families who have not yet done so to confirm their child's attendance and arrange payment as soon as possible. Thank you for your support and understanding.

School Meals – Reminder

Monday 21st September Due to an error on the online system, the published menu is incorrect. The correct meal choices are:

- **Beef Lasagne** (please note that if you select Chicken Stir Fry online, your child will receive Beef Lasagne).
- **Chickpea Curry** (please note that if you select Mac'n'Cheese online, your child will receive Chickpea curry).
- **Bakewell Tart** (this replaces the ice cream option)
- **Fresh Fruit Salad** (will remain the same)

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. If you have any questions regarding school meals or Arbor, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Collection Arrangements Reminder

To help us ensure the safety of all children, we kindly ask parents and carers to notify the school in writing of any changes to their child's usual collection arrangements. This includes occasions when a different adult will be collecting your child or if you would like your child to walk home independently.

Please ensure any changes are communicated to the school office in advance, wherever possible. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep all children safe.

Lothersdale School Association – LSA

Our Lothersdale School Association (LSA) plays a vital role in supporting our school and enhancing opportunities for our pupils. Through organising events and fundraising activities, the LSA helps provide valuable resources, experiences and improvements that directly benefit all children.

We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated volunteers, whose hard work and commitment make these events possible. However, to ensure the LSA can continue its amazing work and remain sustainable for the future, we are keen to welcome new volunteers. Whether you can help occasionally or become more involved, every contribution makes a difference.

If you would like to support our school community and help keep the fantastic work of the LSA going, we would love to hear from you. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact for all our children.

Lothersdale Lowdown

Key dates – more info to follow

5th October 2026

Grandparents Day

6th October 2026

Class 4 Marrick Priory Residential – parents meeting – 5pm

12th October 2026

Individual and Sibling Photographs

15th October 2026

EYFS & KS1 in school at 9.00am

KS2 at Christ Church, Lothersdale at 2.15pm

20th & 22nd October 2026

School Open Afternoons – Reception starters 2027

22nd October 2026

Last day of Autumn 1 – half term

PE Days

Please note the change to Class 2's PE Days

Class 1 – Monday & Friday

Class 2 – Monday & Friday

Class 3 – Tuesday (Outdoor) & Friday (Swimming)

Class 4 – Tuesday (Outdoor) & Thursday (Outdoor)

Lothersdale Legends

This weeks Lothersdale Legends are:

Class 1

Reception – **Oliver Y**

Class 2

Year 1 – **Enid W**

Year 2 – **William P**

Class 3

Year 3 – **Anya C**

Year 4 – **Meredith I**

Class 4

Year 5 – **Isobel O**

Year 6 – **Piper D**



We will be celebrating them in our Friday morning assembly on **Friday 25th September**. Please come along if your child is one of our Lothersdale Legends for 9.00am.

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